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Approach to port:

a) Vessel anchored at Dvina lightbuoy. The lightship shown on the map ~~is~~ ^{was} not visible.

25X1 b) Pilot boat, a tug, came from its anchorage at Yuzhny and put the pilot aboard. This boat also takes pilots from departing ships.

d) The canal from Dvina lightbuoy to Archangelsk is completely marked with lights (not only in the approaches)

e) Boats which load at the southern island outside Archangelsk anchor outside the city for customs inspection. Ten to fourteen men board the vessel, including a woman from In-flot who speaks perfect English.

f) Radios, telescopes (except one) and cameras are sealed. Inspectors also investigated for women stockings, etc., which also were sealed. Alcohol and cigarettes were not bothered.

2) Wrecks

a) A wreck was observed ~~in (see original)~~ ^{position} in 64° 51' 15" N 40° 14' 24" E

b) Mast, stack and the end of the hull were visible above water.

c) Source thinks that the wreck must have been a passenger boat.

3) Mill Number 3

a) Pier to Mill #3 lies ~~(see original)~~ ^{position} in 64° 31' N 40° 38' E

b) Pier is completely built of wood, about 1000' long. Depth at north end of pier is about 17', at southern, about 27'.

c) No cranes, railroad on the pier, which is electrically lighted.

d) Timber is freighted to the pier on trucks which can take about 1 standard each trip.

e) Mill #3 is located at the northend of the pier, works night and day. Timber lies in piles around the area.

f) Roads around the mill are made of planks about 3" thick and 9" wide, and these roads are wide enough to permit two trucks to pass.

g) A fence surrounds the entire mill. There are about 4-5 gates, guarded by women.

h) From the main street of Archangel to the mill ^{runs} is a trolley line.

i) It took the source about 2 hours to walk from the pier at the sawmill to Inflot's office in Archangel.

4) Naval pier:

a) a Small naval pier lies on the northend of the pier toward Mill 3.

c) Length: about 300 feet. Constructed ^{was} and depth are not known, but it ~~looks~~ ^{seemed to be} in good condition.

c) No cranes or railroad connections

d) All the area behind this pier, including a few small buildings, is fenced in.

25X1 e) ^{corvette} a corvette, tugs and some small motorboats along the pier. Lighters came along the side and unloaded barbed wire.

25X1 f) The vessel ^{was} was unable to obtain permission to tie-up with a single rope on this pier.

5) Oil tanks

a) 3 oil tanks lie a small distance from Mill 3, easily seen from the mill and the pier.

b) These tanks are thought to be about 40 feet in diameter.

6) Mill Number 9 and 10

- a) The pier for mill 9 and 10 lies on the little island just east of Kyego Island (N.B. not as is said in an earlier report on Kyego island itself.) Position is (see original). $64^{\circ}31'54''N$ $40^{\circ}24'42''E$

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- b) Name of this island is not given

- b) This pier is in good condition, made of wood with cement ~~wood~~ *piles*.
- c) This pier is about 200 meters long. Depth not known, but vessel's drawing 15 feet went up ~~up~~ from this pier. West of this pier is a smaller wooden pier which is used by lighters. Exact depth not known, but the pilot judged that it was much shallower.
- f) No cranes on this pier.
- g) ^{Saw} Mill number 9 and 10 is really one mill. This lies a small distance behind the pier, with surrounding ground being used for piling timber.

7. Kyego Island.

- a) A gravel road goes from ^{saw} mill 9 and 10 to the southeast corner of Kyego island. The surface is good, and the road is wide enough for two trucks. Houses are located on each side of the road.
- b) Kyego island is united with the island on which mill 9-10 is located with a wooden bridge over Golova. The bridge is in good condition and well built and goes about 600 meters up on the land.
- c) A Factory (in operation) lies on the southern side of Kyego, in position (See original). $64^{\circ}31'54''N$ $40^{\circ}26'24''E$.
- d) A ferry goes from Archangel to the southeastern corner of Kyego island, and from there further west up the delta. The ferry does not go ~~through~~ the piers along mill 9-10, but source was ~~about~~ to observe it. It looks like a simple passenger ferry, probably able to take about 150 persons. Ferry was completely covered.

8) Roads and trolley in Archangel and surrounding territory.

- a) A gravel road (poorly ^{surface} covered, with many holes) goes from Archangel along the river. The single track trolley goes along this road with lines to the various mills. The rails are in good condition, even though the trolley is very old.

9) Barracks.

$63^{\circ}31'54''N$ $40^{\circ}36'54''E$
On the eastern side of the road which goes from mill number 3 to Archangel in position (see original) a large unpainted wooden structure was observed. Outside it were sitting some young Russian officers, but no enlisted men were observed except ~~watchmen~~ ^{sentries} at the entrance.

10) Bunkers:

- a) The chief bunker for coal and oil in the harbor lies at the pier in Archangel on the southern bank of the Dvina River.
- b) Large piles of coal and several oil tanks were seen in the neighborhood of the pier.
- c) This pier is about 750 feet long.
- d) A Russian Liberty-ship was observed here.

11) Inflat and Export ~~Office~~ Offices:

- a) Inflat's office lies at the market place in Archangel in the neighborhood of the International Club. The Director's assistant, who is about 40-45, speaks good English. It is said that he attended school in England. Two girls in the Inflat office spoke good English. These girls were about 25 years old.
- b) The Export office had a modern office, about 600 meter north of Inflat's office. The director spoke good English.

12) ~~Longshoremen's~~ Longshoremen's working hours.

- a) divided into two shifts; one from 0700 - 1900, and the other from 1900- 0700, with one hour mealtime.
- b) General impression was that women work in the daytime, and men at night. Exceptions were noted, however.

13) Only small boats can dock at the pier in the city itself.

14) Naval vessels:

Two or three times a small ^{Corvette} ~~corvett~~ was observed in the neighborhood of Archangel. The ~~corvette~~ had only a stack and an A1 gun in the bow.

Archangel [redacted]

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Arrival:

Arrival ^{at} ~~to~~ Northern Dvina [redacted] The pilot came aboard from a tug which lay where ~~the~~ earlier had been a lightship.

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Ship went to anchor at Chizhov, where ~~we~~ waited several hours. Afterwards ship went to anchor at Archangelsk Road, where the control commission boarded. The investigation was as usual: radios, cameras, all telescopes except one were sealed.

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Ekonomiya Harbor:

After the investigation the ship went to the harbor of Ekoomiya. The pier lies on the NE side of the city and is made of concrete. Length about 1500-1600 feet, and depth along the pier about 20 feet.

Only one crane on the pier. Modern, with 4 legs, going on rails, lifting at least 20 tons. A railroadline goes under the crane.

Wood is brought to the pier on ordinary trucks, and loaded aboard vessel with the crane.

Houses in the city are constructed of wood; no mill was observed.

Mill number 25, 26, 27.

The vessel was loaded at the above named mill. There was no possibility to see/more exactly, but they (the mills) lie on the east side of the them

chief canal to Archangel, also between the city and Ekonomiya harbor. Number 25 is nearest the city, and number 27 is nearest Ekonomiya harbor. The piers for these mills are all of the ~~three-pile-wooden~~ type, and the ship lay beside them all. For all, the depth was about 20 feet. There was no crane or railroad on any of the piers. Lumber is pulled to the piers with special lumbertractors of an American model, built in model. All the mills are in use.

Mill number 27:

wooden pile

Possibly toward Krivyak. The pier was about 600 feet long and it takes about 6-7 minutes to go from the pier to the trolleyline.

Trolley line and ferries:

The waiting place for the trolley is beside mill number 27, and ~~the~~ it takes an hour from here to Solombala. Almost in Solombala the trolley swings around some houses. About 20 minutes trip along the river from Solombala toward the sea there is a ferry to Archangel. The ferry was about 80 feet long and takes only passengers. [redacted]

Bridges:

The bridge between Archangel and Solombala ^{does not exist, as is mentioned} ~~is mentioned on the map.~~

this was as The bridge to Shilov I is only for railroads. Between these two hanging bridge under construction. The end supports were finished and the bridge will be able to be used ~~as~~ a railroad, driving, and foot traffic.
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Mechanical works in Solombala.

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There were about 15 vessels in the city, and the size was between 1500- 8000 tons. A floating dock lay there ~~during our entry~~ at the entry of the workshops, and in this was a ship of from 8 - 9000 tons. The floating dock ~~was~~ looks as if it could take much larger vessels.

Naval vessels:

Just north of the Solomalia mechanical works lay about 8 smaller destroyers or minelayers, but there ~~and~~ no nearer details about these. Nevertheless, there seemed to be a naval station there, and there was a good deal of naval personnel waiting at a trolley stop. Toward the Southeast toward the Ekonomiya harbor at least 20 small naval boats were observed pulled up on the shore. There were of various types, of length of 60-70 feet. In the neighborhood an oldfashioned crane was also observed.

A U-boat was seen on the inner side of the floating dock toward Solombala.

Air, coastal defenses:

Some few small, perhaps speedy and modern planes were observed in the neighborhood of Archangel, but no defenses were seen.

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Icebreakers:

Large tugs are equipped to keep the canal open, and they said that icebreakers were under way to Archangel.

Officers and personnel.

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